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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia

#### **Revised Policy Concerning Submission of Statement of Social Security Number in Electronically Filed Cases**

Effective Friday November 9, 2012, attorneys filing bankruptcy petitions electronically on behalf of individual debtors will be required to submit Official Form B21, *Statement of Social-Security Number(s) (or other Individual Taxpayer-Identification Number(s) (ITIN(s))* in accordance with Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007-I (f).<sup>1</sup> To facilitate submission of Official Form B21 with the petition a new CM/ECF event, *Statement of SSN/ITIN (B21)*, has been added to the events list under the *Other* category. **Form B21 should be submitted separately from the new petition. Do not attach the form to the petition.** A second new event, *Statement of SSN/ITIN (B21) (Amended)*, also located under the *Other* category, facilitates submission of amendments to Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer-Identification numbers.

The *Statement of SSN/ITIN (B21)*, and the *Statement of SSN/ITIN (B21) (Amended)* events are restricted access events. A Form B21 submitted via these events will appear on the docket but will be accessible only by Court personnel. Public access to the form will not be available on CM/ECF or at the Court. Use of these events does not alter the current practice wherein the Court provides the full Social Security number to creditors, the trustee, and the United State trustee via the notice of the meeting of creditors. The copy of that notice which is entered on the Court docket will show only the last four digits of the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer-Identification numbers.

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<sup>1</sup>Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007-I implements the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008. The Court adopted Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007-I and amendments thereto in General Order Nos. 10-2008, 11-2009, 12-2010, and 13-2011. Under Interim Rule 1007-I(f):

An individual debtor shall submit a verified statement that sets out the debtor's social security number, or states that the debtor does not have a social security number. In a voluntary case, the debtor shall submit the statement with the petition. In an involuntary case, the debtor shall submit the statement within 14 days after the entry of the order for relief.